

December 13, 2018

The Honorable Ajit Pai, Chairman
The Honorable Michael O'Rielly, Commissioner
The Honorable Brendan Carr, Commissioner
The Honorable Jessica Rosenworcel, Commissioner

Chairman Federal Communications Commission 455 12th Street, Southwest Washington, DC, 20544

Dear Chairman Pai,

We write to support the Comments of the Cable Act Preservation Alliance ("CAPA") and to disapprove of the proposals and tentative conclusions set forth in the FCC's September 25 Further Notice of Proposed Rule Making in Implementation of Section 621(a)(1) of the Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984 as Amended by the Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992, MB Docket 05- 311.

We are the Board of Directors of SACH (South Asian Circle of Hopkinton, Inc.), a public nonprofit, representing the South Asian community living in Hopkinton, MA. As part of our mission we are working to engage our community in active civic duty and increase awareness of town issues. Our democracy depends on the public being informed of town issues and policies and the underlying actions taken by our town officials that affect our community. Without community television, this access will be severely limited.

Hopkinton's community television station, HCAM-TV, is the only source of live broadcasting of our Board of Selectmen Meetings, School Committee Meetings, Annual and Special Town Meetings, and numerous other government hearings and forums. It is essential for our community to hear the discussions that happen over town budget, planning and policy in order make informed voting decisions and be an active participant in town government. HCAM-TV plays a key role in making Town government transparent and accessible to those who may not be able to attend town hall meetings and public hearings.

As advocates for civic engagement and the need for accessing vital information that will affect all our communities, we strongly urge you to continue support for community media.

Sincerely,

Board of Directors of SACH (South Asian Circle of Hopkinton, Inc.)

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